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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL BENEFITS CHECKS

REF: A) STATE 181629 B) BEIRUT 6612 C) ATHENS 7610

1. DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED FEDERAL AGENCIES CONCUR IN EMBASSY BEIRUT'S REQUEST TO CONTINUE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL BENEFIT CHECKS WITHIN LEBANON. HOWEVER, THE POST IS REQUESTED TO KEEP ITS RECORD CONCERNING DELIVERY OF EACH CHECK UP TO DATE AT ALL TIMES. IF COMPLETE EVACUATION OR THE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFIT CHECKS IS DISCONTINUED, THEN THE RECORD AND THE CHECKS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

2. FUTURE BENEFIT CHECKS WILL NOT BE SENT TO BEIRUT UNTIL EMBASSY BEIRUT INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT THAT AIRPORT IS OPEN.

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OUR FEELING IS THAT IT IS NOT HELPFUL FOR CHECK SHIPMENTS

TO CONTINUE TO GO TO ATHENS TO ADD TO THE MAIL ALREADY  
ACCUMULATED THERE FOR BEIRUT. THIS WILL ALSO PERMIT  
AGENCIES HERE TO RESPOND WITH MORE RAPIDITY AND FLEXIBIL-  
ITY IN MAKING OR COMBINING BENEFIT PAYMENTS.

3. FOR ATHENS: WE APPRECIATE RAPID RESPONSE IN RETURNING

CHECKS LOCATED. ALL OTHER CHECKS ENCOUNTERED SHOULD ALSO  
BE RETURNED AND THE DEPARTMENT SO INFORMED. OFFER OF  
ASSISTANCE BY FBU ATHENS ALSO APPRECIATED, BUT SUCH  
ASSISTANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST USEFUL WHEN BEIRUT ABLE  
TO RE-ESTABLISH COUNTRY-WIDE DESTRIUTION. EMBASSY BEIRUT  
IS PROBABLY BEST JUDGE OF WHAT TYPE AND WHEN SUCH ASSIST-  
ANCE WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE. KISSINGER

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